

2797976

Registered provider: Cranmead Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home registered with Ofsted in November 2024 and is operated by a private company. It provides care for up to 3 children who experience social and emotional difficulties.

At the time of this visit, 2 children were living at the home.

The post for a registered manager has been vacant since 1 December 2025.

Inspection date: 13 May 2026

This monitoring visit

The purpose of this visit was to assess the provider's progress in relation to compliance notices issued following the previous assurance inspection. This action was taken due to concerns about the provider's ability to ensure that children are being cared for in a way that ensures that their needs and risks are fully understood. During this visit, the compliance notices were deemed to have been met.

Following that last inspection, the proposed manager of the home resigned from their post. A new interim manager is currently leading the home and has supported the responsible individual in addressing the previous concerns. At the time of this visit, one child had recently moved on from the home in an unplanned way.

Children speak warmly about living at the home. They benefit from positive relationships with staff who know them well. One child said that staff know them better than they do themselves.

Managers are working closely with the wider network to ensure that risks and concerns are well understood, as well as strengthening processes to ensure that important information is shared with agencies such as children's services and the

police in a timely way. They have ensured that known risks and emerging needs are fully understood by staff and that assessments help guide staff in what action to take when concerns arise. As a result, staff are working with children to manage these risks in ways that do not unnecessarily hinder their independence and help children understand their own safety better.

When concerns arise about the safety of children, staff take prompt and appropriate action to help keep them safe. This has enabled safety plans to be reviewed and agreed promptly.

Managers have recruited additional staff to work in the home, as well as redeployed staff from another home. In addition, they have reviewed staffing in the home to ensure that there is a greater balance of experience and skills. As a result, there is less reliance on temporary staff. This means that children have benefited from greater consistency of care.

Managers have ensured that staff have undertaken further essential training to help them better understand the individual needs of each child. This has helped staff feel more confident in delivering appropriate care and managing children's health needs and vulnerabilities. For example, further training in relation to the risk of child exploitation has helped staff understand and respond to potential signs of harm. In addition, managers have reviewed assessment processes so that staff training needs can be identified sooner when determining suitability of children's needs as part of any new admissions to the home. Currently, managers have not had an opportunity to use these processes in practice and so this requirement is restated.

Staff receive regular supervision from managers that helps them reflect, consider the needs of children and develop their practice. Where managers have identified practice concerns, they have responded appropriately and taken action to address them.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date

23/04/2025

Inspection type

Full

Inspection judgement

Requires improvement to be good

What does the children's home need to do to improve?

Statutory requirements

This section sets out the actions that the registered person(s) must take to meet the Care Standards Act 2000, The Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards'. The registered person(s) must comply with the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
The protection of children standard is that children are protected from harm and enabled to keep themselves safe. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that staff— manage relationships between children to prevent them from harming each other. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(a)(iv))	5 July 2026
The care planning standard is that children— receive effectively planned care in or through the children's home. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that children are admitted to the home only if their needs are within the range of needs of children for whom it is intended that the home is to provide care and accommodation, as set out in the home's statement of purpose. (Regulation 14 (1)(a) (2)(a)) Specifically, before children move into the home, the registered person must fully consider the needs of children and the training needs and skills of staff.	5 July 2026
The registered person must— ensure that each employee completes an appropriate induction; The registered person must ensure that all employees— undertake appropriate continuing professional development. (Regulation 33 (1)(a) (4)(a))	5 July 2026

This requirement was raised at the last inspection and is restated.	
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Information about this inspection

The purpose of this visit was to monitor the action taken and the progress made by the children's home since its last Ofsted inspection.

This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2797976

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Cranmead Limited

Registered provider address: 117 Church Road, Hove, East Sussex BN3 2AF

Responsible individual: Sue Forrest

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Jay Shekleton, Social Care Inspector

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